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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4619

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI FROM BOMBAY MAR 11, 1976  
REPEATED TO YOU

QUOTE

BOMBAY 0637

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: TECH ENRG IN

SUBJ: TARAPUR NUCLEAR FUEL EXPORT LICENSE

REF: BOMBAY 0636

1. MY COMMENTS ON SETHNA'S LETTER RESPONDING TO DEPT REQUEST FOR  
DATA ON STATUS OF NUCLEAR FUEL PRODUCTION FOLLOW:

A. SETHNA UNDOUBTEDLY PROVIDED SUCH EXTENSIVE DETAIL TO DEMONSTRATE  
THAT HE IS STILL COOPERATING FULLY WITH US AND IS WILLING TO  
DISCLOSE FULL DETAILS RELATED TO OPERATION TARAPUR REACTORS. HE  
WANTS TO AVOID ANY SUGGESTION OF HOLDING BACK DATA OR EXAGGERATING  
PROBLEM.

B. AS CAN BE SEEN FROM ANSWEGMTO FIRST QUESTION, IAEC HAS PRACTICALLY  
NO INVENTORY OF FINISHED FUEL. THIRTY BUNDLES REPRESENTS LESS THAN  
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20 PER CENT OF 1975 REQUEIRMENTS.

C. HE CONSTANTLY EMPHASIZED TO ME THAT NFC PLANT IS RUNNING AT CAPACITY AND STILL CAN ONLY KEEP UP WITH MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS. AS IT IS ONLY A 25-TON (OXIDE) PLANT, SETHNA CLAIMS ITS RATE OF PRODUCTION CANNOT BE STEPPED UP MUCH.

D. SHORTFALL IN FUEL SUPPLY NOW WILL HAVE GREATEST EFFECT NEXT WINTER WHEN POWER NEEDS GREATEST AND WHEN SHORTAGES MOST ACUTE. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT HE SAYS IN NUMBERED PARAGRAPH 5(B) THAT HE WILL PREFER TO REDUCE OUTPUT AS EARLY AS NEXT SEPTEMBER.  
SIGNED COURTNEY  
UNQUOTE  
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